Docket No.: 1405.68386 **PATENT APPLICATION**

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Anticipated Classification of this application:
Class: ^^^^ Subclass: ^^^^

Prior application: **09/631,371**

Examiner: **Ali Neyzari**

Art Unit: **2655**

REQUEST FOR FILING CONTINUING OR DIVISIONAL APPLICATION

Mail Stop Patent Application
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This is a request for filing a

() Continuation application,

(X) Divisional application,

under 37 CFR 1.53(b), of pending prior application Serial No. **09/631,371** filed on **August 2, 2000** **for INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM AND INFORMATION RECORDING AND REPRODUCING SLIDER**

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.10

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Date October 1, 2003

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1. (X) Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the oath or declaration as originally filed. The attached application papers are a true copy of prior application Serial No.: **09/631,371** as originally filed on **August 2, 2000** , and no amendments referred to in the oath or declaration as originally filed introduced new matter. This statement is made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

The copy of the papers of the prior application as filed are as follows:

(X) 45 pages of specification including claims and abstract
(X) 6 sheets(s) of drawings
(X) 3 pages of declaration and power of attorney

2. () Enclosed is a replacement specification reflecting previously submitted amendments and/or additional formal amendments. No new matter is added by the changes. A copy of the oath or declaration as originally filed is also included.

The new application includes:

() _____ pages of specification including claims and abstract
() _____ sheets(s) of drawing
() _____ pages of declaration and power of attorney

3. () A statement (Declaration) claiming small entity status was filed in the prior application and small entity status for this application is proper and desired.

4. (X) Cancel in this application original claims 1-2 and 7-8 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes).

5. (X) The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION, LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY AMENDMENT BELOW

For	No. Filed	No. Extra	Rate	Fee
Basic Fee.....				$770.00
Total Claims...	5 - 20 =	0	x $18.00 =	$ -0-
Independent Claims....	1 - 3 =	0	x $86.00 =	$ -0-
		Total Filing Fee		$770.00
Statement of Status as Small Entity Reducing Filing Fee By Half To				$ -0-

6. (X) A check in the amount $770.00 is enclosed.

7. (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

8. () A petition and fee for an extension of time has been filed in the pending prior application. A copy of the petition is attached.

9. (X) Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: --This is a () continuation, (X) divisional, () continuation-in-part, of application Serial No. 09/631,371, filed August 2, 2000.--

10. (X) Priority of application Serial No(s). Hei 11(1999)-265640 filed on September 20, 1999 in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.

(X) The certified copy(ies) has (have) been filed in prior application Serial No.09/631,371, filed August 2, 2000.

11. (X) The prior application is assigned of record to: Fujitsu Limited, 1-1, Kamikodanaka, 4-chome, Nakahara-ku, Kawasaki-shi, Kanagawa, 211-8588 Japan. The assignment was recorded on August 2, 2000 on Reel 011010, Frame 0651.

12. (X) The inventor of the invention of the parent application, serial number **09/631,371** is **Koji Matsumoto**.

13. (X) An information disclosure statement is submitted herewith.

14. (X) A preliminary amendment is enclosed herewith.

15. () Please delete the name(s) of ^^^^ who is (are) not a (an) inventor(s) of the subject matter of the () continuing () divisional application.

16. (X) The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

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(X) The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.

() Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

() Associate Power of Attorney is enclosed.

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Notification is hereby being made of the filing of a:

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application for this case

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